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Milk Production
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NORTH DAKOTA JULY-SEPTEMBER MILK PRODUCTION

North Dakota

Milk production for the July-September quarter was estimated at 145 million pounds, down 13 percent from the same period last year, according to USDA's North Dakota Agricultural Statistics Service. Milk cows, at 39,000 head, decreased 7,000 head from the same period last year. Milk produced per cow during the July-September quarter was 3,730 pounds, up from 3,600 pounds a year earlier but down from 3,800 pounds during the April-June quarter.

United States

The quarterly production of milk for the United States was 42.0 billion pounds, 3.4 percent above the July-September period last year. The average number of milk cows in the United States during the quarter was 9.16 million head, 61,000 head more than the same period last year.

MILK PRODUCTION JULY - SEPTEMBER QUARTER

STATE	MILK COWS ^{1/}		MILK PRODUCTION ^{2/}		
	2001	2002	2001	2002	Change from 2001
	-- 1,000 Head --		-- Million Pounds --		(%)
North Dakota	46	39	166	145	-12.7
California	1,598	1,651	8,349	8,842	5.9
Minnesota	507	483	2,093	2,003	-4.3
New York	673	677	2,981	3,068	2.9
Wisconsin	1,284	1,266	5,464	5,514	0.9
United States	9,098	9,159	40,570	41,965	3.4

^{1/} Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. ^{2/} Excludes milk sucked by calves.

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